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SINO-U.S. RELATIONS

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SUMMARY: AT A HASTILY ARRANGED LUNCHEON, CHIEF NCNA  
REPORTER SZETU KEUNG EXPRESSED THE SINCERE HOPE THAT  
SECRETARY VANCE WOULD VISIT CHINA LATER THIS YEAR AND  
REITERATED COMMENTS BY PRC LEADERS TO CODEL BRADEMAS-  
SCHWEIKER THAT THE PRC "WOULD NEVER COMPROMISE" OVER  
THE USE OF FORCE QUESTION ON TAIWAN. END SUMMARY.

1. ON APRIL 18, FOLLOWING APRIL 16 DINNER WITH SZETU  
KEUNG AND HIS WIFE (REFTEL A), CONGENOFF RECEIVED  
CALL FROM SZETU REQUESTING AN APRIL 20 LUNCHEON  
APPOINTMENT "TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION." SZETU  
APPEARS DELIBERATELY TO HAVE ARRANGED THE MEETING  
TO MAKE TWO POINTS. FIRST, HE NOTED THAT NO FORMAL  
ANNOUNCEMENT HAD BEEN MADE CONCERNING SECRETARY  
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VANCE'S VISIT TO THE PRC LATER THIS YEAR. SZETU  
STATED THAT IT WAS HIS "PERSONAL HOPE THAT SECRETARY  
VANCE WOULD MAKE THE VISIT THIS YEAR TO DISCUSS,  
FIRSTHAND, QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH OUR  
LEADERS." HE SAID PEKING BELIEVED THE FORD  
ADMINISTRATION HAD TEMPORARILY STOPPED THE PROCESS  
OF NORMALIZATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND

WITH THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, "WE NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET MOVING AGAIN." SZETU THEN ASKED CONGENOFF IF HE THOUGHT, AS DID SOME PREVIOUS POLICYMAKERS, THAT US-PRC-USSR RELATIONS ARE INTERCONNECTED. CONGENOFF REPLIED THAT TO A CERTAIN EXTENT ALL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ARE INTERCONNECTED, BUT THERE ARE SOUND OBJECTIVE REASONS BASED ON OUR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL INTERESTS WHY THE US-PRC RELATIONSHIP IS IMPORTANT.

2. SECONDLY, SZETU INQUIRED ABOUT THE AMERICAN REACTION TO RECENT PRC VISIT OF CODEL BRADEMAS-SCHWEIKER. CONGENOFF EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT CONGRESSIONAL VISITS TO (#)

AMERICAN PEOPLE AND SAID HE EXPECTED THE MOST RECENT TO BE NO DIFFERENT. SZETU THEN RATHER POINTEDLY STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THE STATEMENT MADE BY PRC LEADERS TO THE DELEGATION THAT THE PRC WOULD "NEVER COMPROMISE ON THE USE OF FORCE QUESTION OVER TAIWAN." HE SAID THIS IS A PRINCIPLE THAT WILL NEVER BE ABANDONED, AND CHINA IS PREPARED TO WAIT UNTIL THE UNITED STATES ACCEPTS THE THREE PRE-CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION (BREAKING RELATIONS  
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WITH TAIWAN, ABROGATING THE DEFENSE TREATY, AND WITHDRAWING MILITARY FORCES). IN THE MEANTIME, THE UNITED STATES AND THE PRC CAN CONTINUE TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE RELATIONS. CONGENOFF NOTED THAT THIS WAS SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ON THE USE OF FORCE QUESTION (REFTEL B), AND SZETU REPLIED THAT WHILE SOME ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE MAY BE WORKED OUT, IN REALITY THE PRC CANNOT COMPROMISE ON ITS PRINCIPLES, EVEN TACITLY. COMMENT: SZETU'S CHIEF POINT IN ARRANGING MEETING MAY WELL HAVE BEEN THIS: HE MAY EITHER HAVE DECIDED ON HIS OWN OR BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BACK AWAY FROM THE SOMEWHAT FLEXIBLE POSITION SET FORTH REF B.

3. SZETU'S COMMENTS ON SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND MILITARY MODERNIZATION ARE BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL.  
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